



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED  
JAN 09 2004  
C 1700

In re U.S. Patent Application of

OKANO et al.

Application Number: 10/018,430

Filed: December 20, 2001

For: CENTRIFUGAL SEPARATOR AND SAMPLE  
PREPARATION DEVICE USING THE SEPARATOR

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. NITT.0050

) Art Unit 1723

) Examiner:  
Dodge, Joseph W.

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated October 7, 2003, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on January 7, 2004. Please amend the above identified application as follows: